

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC IS MUCH FEARED

AUTHORITIES FEEL THAT IF DISEASE BREAKS OUT, QUAKE HORRORS WILL DOUBLE.

POLLUTED WATER AND AIR

Cause of Sickness—More Quakes at Reggio Tuesday—Persons Still Being Taken from the Ruins Alive.

Rome, Jan. 6.—The report from Messina that typhoid fever has broken out there has filled the authorities with alarm and apprehension. It is realized here that unless proper sanitary precautions are taken at once the disease may spread far outside the ruined districts. Even though the present cases may prove to be dysentery, it is well known that this disease under such conditions as prevail at Messina and Reggio would be likely to prove just as fatal as typhoid itself. According to medical authorities, it is dysentery that has been responsible for the decimation of almost whole armies in time of war and the exciting cause is unwholesome drinking water and the ingestion of articles unfit for food. Physicians here are inclined to think that dysentery is more to be feared than other disease in the devastated regions. It was very fatal in the Crimea in 1854, in the armies of the United States during the civil war and again in the Franco-German war of 1870. Almost perfect conditions prevail for its propagation at Messina.

King Victor Emmanuel received Ambassador Griseom, who presented him with the steamer Bayern in the name of the American relief committee, representing American people. The Bayern is loaded with provisions and medical supplies and is ready to proceed to the Strait of Messina. The king was greatly pleased and said that the Americans were always first.

Thirteen thousand refugees have arrived at Naples up to date, of whom 5,000 are wounded. They are receiving the best of care, but many have died of their injuries and others have gone mad. More than 50 per cent of those taken out of the ruins after three days did not have strength left to survive their terrible experiences.

The United States gunboat Scorpion left Naples Tuesday carrying supplies, principally of sterilized milk, for distribution at Messina, under the direction of the American consulate. The American vice consul, Stuart Lupton, in answer to inquiries made by the state department at Washington, telegraphs from Messina that the house of the "Little Sisters of the Poor" was destroyed. Two of the sisters were killed.

Rear Admiral Sperry, commander of the American battleship fleet, has informed the authorities that he will be in Naples on January 9 with the first division, composed of the Connecticut, Vermont, Minnesota and Kansas. The latest news from Reggio shows that earthquakes occurred there Tuesday, the shocks being about 20 minutes apart. One of the heavy shocks caused the collapse of a number of broken walls and added to the terror of the few survivors who remain there.

Messina, Jan. 6.—The work of rescue is being pushed by night as well as by day and even now persons alive are occasionally dug out from the ruins. An old woman was rescued from the wreckage of the Church of San Francesco Monday evening. She did not seem to realize that she had been buried for so many days. She explained that she thought she was entombed in the church after having died a natural death and that she was living in the living will be continued for two days more in cases where there is reason to believe that success will be met with. Those who have lost relatives and friends still continue to hope against hope and no argument suffices to convince them that further search is useless.

Sales Invalid; Negro Is Rich. Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 6.—In the United States district court here on Tuesday all the alleged sales and leases signed by Zeke Moore, a Creek freedman, to 120 acres of land in the Glenn Pool oil field of Oklahoma were declared invalid except one lease covering a period of 15 years. The land is worth half a million dollars. This will make him the richest negro in Oklahoma.

Four Hurt in Gas Explosion. Springfield, O., Jan. 6.—A double house was wrecked and four people were badly burned by an explosion when Frank McElhenne, cashier of the American Express Co. here, was hunting in his cellar for a gas leak. Clay McIntire and McElhenne and their wives were injured.

Booth Creditors Reject Plan. Chicago, Jan. 6.—Bankers, who are the principal creditors of A. Booth & Co., on Tuesday rejected the plan of reorganization submitted by the receivers Monday and presented a counter proposition.

Fought 12-Round Draw. Boston, Jan. 6.—A draw was the decision at the end of a 12-round bout between Jack (Twins) Sullivan of Cambridge and Bill McKinnon of Roxbury Tuesday night. McKinnon forced the fighting from the start.

Will Not Give Up Receivership. Cincinnati, Jan. 6.—Judson Harmon, receiver for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, will not retire from that position when he becomes governor of Ohio next week. It was stated Tuesday that the receivership will not be lifted until next July. Judge Harmon having decided that the best interests of the property are against any change, with the natural result that would follow among the employees.

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STORIES OF BUCKEYE LIFE.

NEWS GATHERED ESPECIALLY FOR OHIO READERS.

Happenings in Various Cities and Towns in the State Are Chronicled.

State Auditor's Appointments.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—Auditor of State Fullington has announced his list of appointments. All but three members of the present force are retained. The three to retire are A. C. Corman of Medina, liquor tax deputy; S. B. Clark, canal and trust fund clerk; and E. H. Archer, excise clerk, both from Franklin county. The three new men are J. C. Howard of Union, liquor tax deputy; Joseph L. Ficke of Paulding, canal and trust fund clerk; and A. B. Dawson of Franklin county, record and transcribing clerk. A. W. Beatty of Belmont county succeeds Fullington as deputy auditor. Beatty is president of the State County Auditors' association.

In the Supreme Court.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—The January term of the supreme court was opened Tuesday. A motion to stay the order of the circuit court of Putnam county in the local option contested election case from that county was argued. Because of the fact that Probate Judge Heldebaugh took an active part in the election for the dry, the wets asked for a change of venue from his court in the hearing of the contest, contending his partisanship disqualified him from sitting in the case. The circuit court upheld this contention and ordered the contest tried in the common pleas court.

New Doctors.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—In the list of applicants who passed the recent examination of the state medical board and have been granted certificates to practice medicine are: William E. Blair, Lebanon; William P. Connor, H. W. Bell, Earl W. Keyes, F. C. Chvalat, Ralph E. Abbe, A. Kahn, Mary V. Madigan, C. J. Calt, and V. Kleinham, Cleveland; Susan V. Friend, Mansfield; L. N. Palmer, Newark; John K. Larkin and Sophocle Dadakis, Dayton; A. M. Crane, Marion; George M. Logan, Akron; Cera W. Everett, osteopath, Canton.

Ends Lively Judgeship Fight.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—Gov. Harris on Tuesday settled the liveliest fight for a judgeship appointment that has taken place in Ohio for many years by selecting Judge Willis S. Metcalfe of Painesville to succeed Circuit Judge Burrows of that city, whose resignation, recently filed with the governor, takes effect Friday. There are 13 counties in the district and there were as many candidates for the office. A. G. Reynolds of Painesville, former speaker of the house, was appointed to succeed Judge Metcalfe as common pleas judge.

Ohio Mine Workers Protest.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—The executive board of the United Mine Workers of Ohio on Tuesday forwarded to President Roosevelt resolutions protesting against the sentences and threatened imprisonment of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison. The resolutions say that the action of the court can never be accepted with any degree of justification by the Ohio mine workers and declare that the Sherman anti-trust law was never intended to apply to labor unions.

Adjutant General Appoints.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—Adj. Gen. elect Weybrecht announces these appointments: Visitors' attendants, Thomas Smith of Guernsey county, Robert Powelson of Kenton; police, H. C. Stratton of Cleveland, J. A. Conroy of Bethel, Dave Wheeler of Caldwell, W. P. Mahon of Columbus Grove; superintendent of laborers, William Miller of Columbus; fireman, Michael Reilly of Columbus.

Wife Murderer Reaches Pen.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—With his eyes red from weeping over the grave of his dead wife at Dayton, for the murder of whom he is sentenced to be electrocuted April 13, Harry W. Crooks, aged 40, of Dayton, walked into the penitentiary Tuesday afternoon and was taken to the annex to await execution of the death penalty. Crooks killed his wife after she had obtained a divorce from him.

Dentists Need Not Be Examined.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—The state dental board states in its annual report, filed Tuesday, that dentists from Ohio may be admitted to practice hereafter in Indiana, Iowa and Michigan without the formality of an examination if they can show they have been practicing five years and pay a fee of \$25.

Wheat Shows No Improvement.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—Wheat has made little or no improvement during the past month, according to the monthly report of the state board of agriculture, issued Tuesday. One month ago the condition of growing wheat was estimated at 60 per cent of an average.

Democrats Will Stick Together.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—Representative Bowers, Democratic floor leader of the house, in an interview says the Democrats of the house will act as a unit on matters of importance during the present session of the legislature, through the influence of the party caucus.

Urge Herrick for Cabinet.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 6.—Horace E. Andrews of Cleveland, O., and Editor Robert Wolff of Columbus saw Mr. Taft Tuesday and discussed Ohio state politics. Mr. Taft said that both made hearty endorsements of Myron T. Herrick for a cabinet position. He added that he had the highest regard for the personal judgment of his callers, especially Mr. Andrews, whom he had known long and favorably.

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Gossip of Washington

What Is Going On at the National Capital.

Federal Sleuths Kept on the Jump



WASHINGTON.—That branch of the public service which its detractors called "the government spy system," or "the Black Cabinet," has been brought into conspicuous prominence by the tiff between congress and the president, growing out of the criticism in the president's message of the action of congress in circumscribing the activities of the secret service.

The system of government espionage over the private citizen has grown in an unprecedented manner under the administration of President Roosevelt. Whether it conduces to the general public welfare is a matter for publicists to discuss, but as to the fact that the secret service has reached greater extensions than ever before there can be no doubt.

This extension has been brought about by the executive branch of the government, and its justification, in large degree, is that a law has no value unless it is enforced, and the only way to enforce it is to look after violations.

Originally the secret service of the United States had two functions and two only. Those were the detection of counterfeiters and the hunting down of illicit distillers. A good many years ago, however, long before Mr. Roosevelt entered public life, one of the presidents detailed secret service men to serve at the White House. There was not the slightest authority in law for such a procedure, but congress had a good deal of consideration for the executive and this violation of law went on year after year. Finally congress, seeing that the practice had become permanent and not wishing to engage in a dispute with the executive branch, conferred the legal authority necessary to enable presidents to make such a detail.

Gradually the presidents enlarged the practice of detailing secret service men and sent them hither and yonder on all sorts of errands. Then other administration officers—cabinet chiefs and even bureau heads—with out the remotest authority in law, called upon the secret service branch for agents to send out on confidential missions. Chief Wilkie of the secret service was up a tree, figuratively speaking. He did not have men enough to go around. Congress allowed him a blanket appropriation, but it was not large enough to hire all of the detectives demanded.

Time to Call a Halt on the Practice



THE origin of the paragraph in the last sundry civil bill, restricting the activities of the secret service, which provoked the hot denunciation of the president, is decidedly interesting. While a subcommittee was framing the sundry civil bill it was brought to the attention of the members that a secret service man had been assigned to keep watch over the conduct of a certain naval officer. The application for the detail was made to the navy department by the wife of the officer, who was not entirely satisfied as to the faithfulness of her spouse. The officer was not even on duty at the time, but "was away on leave of absence."

It occurred to members of the appropriations committee that this was the limit of governmental espionage and that the time had come to call a halt. President Roosevelt, of course, had a secret service sleuth detailed for such a purpose and when the subcommittee wrote and inserted a provision limiting the functions of the secret service, it was not striking at the president, but at a custom. At least that is the solemn assertion of all the members who had anything to do with it. Representative Walter L. Smith of Iowa, drafted the provision and it was put in with the approval of Chairman Tawney and all the members of the appropriations committee.

Gradually congress itself has enlarged the inspection, or espionage, system of the government, but for the most part, it has done so under executive pressure. Naturally, the fact that the congressmen helped to create so many "spies" would be expected to stop their criticism, but it is fashionable now to blame a good many things on the president. The army of government detectives numbers all told about 5,000. Nearly all of these men are engaged in traveling about the country and mingling with the 80,000,000 people outside of Washington. The list includes secret service men, postoffice inspectors, special agents of the land service, pure food inspectors, meat inspectors and others. The talk that in some instances secret service agents have been used to work up damaging information against congressmen who are objectionable to the administration seems to be without the slightest foundation.

Gridiron Club Gives Annual Dinner



THE annual fall dinner of the Gridiron club, held the other night, was made noteworthy by the presence of a distinguished company of guests. An extended program devoted entirely to fun-making, made the night one long to be remembered by the organization. The company was one only possible to bring together at the capital of the nation. The president, vice-president, president-elect, vice-president-elect, presidential possibilities of the future, senators and representatives almost without number, an English lord, diplomats of this and other countries, newspaper men whose names are known far and wide, capitalists of finance and industry, and men of affairs generally were seated about the gridiron-shaped table. Coming so soon after the recent national campaign, the dinner presented an exceptional opportunity for the merry-makers.

One of the funniest skits was a roll call after the recent national political battle. The mournful tap of a drum was heard in the anteroom and there came marching in a tattered and dilapidated troop. The uniforms showed the members had been on the firing line. The president of the club announced in solemn voice that the slaughter had been terrific. The members of the troop answered to the roll call. Sgt. Jim Watson was reported as "killed while riding to the front on the water wagon." Private Charlie Landis "fell at Watson's side." Private Charles G. Dawes "passed in his checks," and Private Frank Lowden was "shot in the pocket." Corporal Norman E. Mack was reported as "burying the dead." Corporal William J. Bryan was "among the missing." Corporal Loeb was "in the hands of his friends." Private Taft was reported present and Color Sergt. Hitchcock was announced as "here, with the colors."

Shameful Treatment of Uncle Ike



UNCLE IKE STEPHENSON, champion buttonhole story teller of the senate, has certainly been treated shamefully since he came down here last winter to take Mr. Spooner's place as one of Wisconsin's legislators. He has the distinction of being the oldest man in the senate and at the same time of being one of the wealthiest, and he is used to having his own way.

He had no sooner got here last December than he discovered he had been assigned a committee room over in the Maltby building, on B street northwest. This was too far from base to suit Uncle Ike, so he made a good-sized kick, and finally got himself assigned to a room on the senate terrace, away down in the ground.

But a great surprise was in store for Uncle Ike when he returned this December. He had no room at all. His

The Blazers of New Paths.

Hats off to the daring souls who scorn to walk in the old ruts, who carve out new paths for themselves and leave them broad and open for others to follow in their footsteps. These are the ones who have the right kind of conceit, the conceit which is appreciated and brings its own reward.

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Great Mexican Tree.

At Tule, in the courtyard of the church of Santa Maria is the great Tule tree. The tree is 14 feet in circumference six feet from the ground. More than a hundred years ago, when Humboldt was traveling through Mexico, he cut out a section of the bark and in it affixed a tablet bearing an inscription dedicated to the tree. This tablet can still be seen, although nearly covered by bark.—Mexican Herald.

VISITS WITH UNCLE BY

Playing Hobo.

When Blings had completed his make-up for the Christmas masquerade his own mother would not have known him, and his own Boston

terrier, without a pang of conscience, would willingly have bitten a chunk out of the calf of his leg. Blings had essayed the character of a tramp and Wary Walker himself could not have improved on the imitation.

"I guess I'll do," he said to Mrs. Blings, as he took one last look in the mirror.

"Do? Well, I should think so," ejaculated Mrs. Blings. "You look as if you would do anybody for a ham sandwich. If you meet one of the neighbors on your way over to Morton's you will scare him into convulsion fits!"

Blings laughed immediately, endeavored to kiss his wife good-night and got a rousing slap for his endeavoring pangs.

"Go on, you wretch," screamed Mrs. Blings. "Do you think I want that awful, dirty face up against mine?"

Blings gave it up and went out. He had promised Morton to stop for him, and sneaking into that gentleman's yard, he approached the house by the back door, expecting to enter the cellar and join Morton, likewise disguised as a tramp. That was what they had planned and Morton was to have left the cellar door unlocked.

As Blings rounded the corner of the house, the kitchen door opened suddenly and Mrs. Morton's mother, a kindly old soul and philanthropic, caught sight of the intruder.

"Mercy!" she ejaculated, hooking the screen hastily. Then her goodness of heart got the better of her fear and she opened the door again.

"Come right in, my man," she cried, sympathetically. "Come right in. I have some cold meat here and some warm coffee."

Blings tried to tell her what he wanted, but Mrs. Ackley is a little deaf, and she didn't understand.

"Oh, that's all right," she replied, taking him by the coat sleeve playfully and hauling him into the kitchen. Again Blings tried to tell her and again she misunderstood. For answer, she hastily set meat, bread and coffee upon the kitchen table, and pushing the unfortunate man into a chair, breathed a sigh of content.

"You don't eat as though you were

very hungry," she suggested, watching Blings narrowly.

Blings fell to with a zest. "Yis mom, I'm hungry, thankee, mom."

He had just eaten a hearty meal and his inner man remonstrated intensely at the insult of more food. Blings groaned softly and was just about to break and run when Morton burst into the kitchen arrayed in all the glory of the rag bag.

Mrs. Ackley gave one scream of fright, yelled: "Murder!" and collapsed.

After a time, order was restored and the two pseudo hobos set out for the scene of the festivities. Morton was shaking with laughter.

"Shall we stop at the restaurant and get something to eat," he suggested.

Blings merely growled his disapproval, as he unbuttoned his vest and vainly sought to get more breath.

"Let's cut through the alley," suggested Blings, remembering his wife's warning. As they entered the dark passage way, a shrill whistle at the other end attracted their attention. There was a rattle of wheels, a flash of light and a policeman had them under the muzzle of his gun.

"Here, you two guys, I've been looking fer you fer a week. Git into th' wagon!"

Blings tried to explain. "Aw, cut it!" advised the policeman.

Then Morton endeavored to illumine the text.

"Say, youse fellers might as well shut up," acidly interrupted the officer. "Yes kin tell yer story to the judge in th' mornin'."

An hour later Jasper P. Scroggs, attorney at law, was called to the telephone, and Mrs. Scroggs overheard the following one-sided conversation:

"Yes. What's that?"

"Oh, Blings—and who?"

"Yes, Blings and Morton—in jail?"

"Um, well, I don't know exactly. How much did you say? About \$40?"

"Well, all right. I'll be down right away."

"Good-by."

Soon after, a cab bowling along the avenue, carried two very disreputable bums to their respective homes—and neither Blings nor Morton has played hobo since.

Byron Williams

The Ideal.

As doth the vagrant wind desire the flame,

And search the gusty alleys of the dark, Tenacious, urgent, instant in its claim,

'Upon the houseless and unguarded spark;

So hath my soul sought thine through devious ways,

Through proud resistances and scorn expressed,

Under light laughter, sober-minded dispraise,

And cool-browed insult and fleet-footed For I did see with eyes that looked through mist

Ever some brightness in the night and

Ever did have some voice that well I wist

Was thine above the jargon of the way,

And now, that I do stand before thy face,

I know that I have run and won the race.

—Humphreys Park, in Appleton's Magazine.

Due Reflection.

He—"I thought you were never coming down stairs."

She—"I decided to after due reflection."

"Of course, I knew you wouldn't come down without due reflection."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean you wouldn't come down without spending a certain amount of time in front of your looking-glass!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Sure Sign.

Clerk—"I don't know what's come over Penner. When I told him about my salary being raised to \$15

and again to \$20 he patted me on the back; but yesterday, when I told him I had been raised to \$30 he didn't seem so delighted.

Wise.—That simply means that Penner's salary is about \$25.—Philadelphia Press.

When Hubby Wakes Up.

Gunner—"You will find very few women billing and cooing over their husbands after the honeymoon is over."

Guy—"I should say so. After the honeymoon you will find them only billing."

Gunner—"Billing?"

Guy—"Yes, flooding hubby with milliners' and dressmakers' bills."

The Obstacle Itself.

Eva—"Yes, I am a great believer in onions as beautifiers. Why when a girl diets on onions she is pretty enough to kiss."

Jack—"But who wants to kiss a girl who diets on onions?"

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